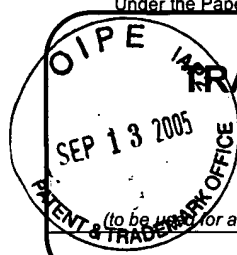


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Responsive to the Office Action dated July 11, 2005, Applicant amends
and remarks as follows:

AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

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~~FORMING TRENCH ISOLATION WITHIN A~~
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